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## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No. | 026592.104-US01

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Express Mail Label No. (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1 53(b)) **APPLICATION ELEMENTS** Box Patent Application ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents. Washington DC 20231 Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or (Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing) Computer Program (Appendix) Applicant claims small entity status Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission 8 (if applicable, all necessary) See 37 CFR 1 27. Specification [Total Pages Computer Readable Form (CRF) Х (preferred arrangement set forth below) Specification Sequence Listing on - Descriptive title of the invention Cross Reference to Related Applications CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies), or Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

- 1. Patent Application Initial Information Data Sheet;
- 2. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (PTO/SB/05);
- 3. Fee Transmittal for FY 2001 (PTO/SB/17);
- Application consisting of 30 pages of specification; 10 pages of claims (46 claims); a one page abstract; and 22 pages of drawings (Figs. 1-8, 9A-9B, 10A-10B, 11A-11B, 12A-12B, 13, 14A-14C, and 15A-15B);
- 5. Two return receipt postcards.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$1,418 application filing fee, any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740, under Docket No. 026592.104-US01. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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